(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Export of Leather Goods

1769. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of leather goods excluding footwear exported to foreign countries during the last three years alongwith the names of such countries;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned by the export of leather goods during the above period;

(c) whether there has been any increase or decline in the export of these goods during this period; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to encourage export of leather goods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Exports of leather goods and manufactures during the last three years mainly to FRG, U.K., France, Switzerland, Canada, USA, GDR; Denmark etc. are estimated by the Council for Leather Exports to have been of the order of:—

Year	Value in Rs. million
1984-85	665
1985-86	1019
1996-87	1563

The leather goods include many assorted items, quantum-wise details are not available.

(c) There has been an increase in exports of leather goods and manufactures during the above period.

(d) An easy access to imported machinery, chemicals and accessories, including embellishments with concessional rate of duty, permission for export production of leather goods in organised sector subject to the prescribed export obligation, training of personnel engaged in production of leather garments and other leather goods, design and product development, participation in overseas specilised commodity fairs, visit of sales|study delegations to different international markets are some of the steps taken by the Govt. to encourage export of leather goods.

Staff Strength of Delhi Passport Office

1770. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present strength of staff of Delhi Passport Office;

(b) the number of passports issued by Delhi Passport Office during the last three years; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to increase the staff of Delhi Passport Office on account of the increasing number of applications for the issue of passports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The present sanctioned strength of officers and staff of Delhi Passport Office in various grades is as under:

Group 'A' .	6
Group 'B' .	4
Group (C) .	105
Group (D) .	12—1 (Part time)
(b) 1984 .	1,12,268
1985 .	96,622
1986 .	1,09,603

(c) The staff strength of the Passport Offices is reviewed in March every year. On the basis of the workload handled by a particular office during the previous year, the staff position is increased|decreased as per the norms established by the Staff Inspection Unit of the Ministry of Finance. During the last 3 years,

the staff strength of the Passport Office, Delhi has been increased as can be seen from the following statement:

Group	1985	1986	1987
'A'	3	6	6
'B'	7	4	4
'C'	86	103	105
'D'	12+1 (Part time)	12+1 (Part time)	12+1 (Part time)

Complaints against Drivers of Taxies and Three-Wheelers

1771. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of complaints received against taxi drivers and drivers of three-wheelers for over-charging from passengers, misbehaving with passengers, having faulty metres and refusal to take passengers, during the last two years till June 1987; and

(b) what are the details of action taken against the guilty drivers of these vehicles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The requisite information is contained in the statement attached. [*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 82].

विश्व मानचित्र में जम्मू और काश्मीर को पाकिस्तान का भू-भाग प्रदर्शित किया जाना

1772. **श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान मद्रास की ईगल फर्म द्वारा 1987 की गुडविल डायरी में प्रकाशित विश्व मानचित्र की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि इस मानचित्र में जम्मू और काश्मीर को पाकिस्तान का भू-भाग प्रदर्शित किया गया है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में कोई कार्यवाही की गई है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो की गई कार्यवाही का ब्यौरा क्या है और उसके क्या परिणाम रहे ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्) : (क) और (ख) जी हां, श्रीमन्।

(ग) और (घ) तमिलनाडु सरकार, जिस मामले पर कारवाई करनी है, ने सूचित किया है कि वह संबंधित कानूनों के उपबंधों के तहत कार्रवाई करने के प्रश्न पर विचार कर रही है।

Rise in Imports

1773. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether imports have shown a steady rise; if so, what are the figures of imports during 1985, 1986 and so far during 1987;

(b) if so, what are the reasons there for;

(c) what steps have been taken to check the same; and

(d) what is the role of the S.T.C. in giving licences to importers and items imported through S.T.C., with